

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, September 24, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes. We have the Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 10, 2018.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated Monday, September 10, 2018 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Meeting of the Regular Minutes of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, September 10, 2018, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
The Minutes passed with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, to start off tonight's report I want to say that once again we have the honor of joining with us today another group of young men and ladies that have once again made the City of Garfield Heights proud. These guys are known as the Dream Team, these guys and gals excuse me are known as the Dream Team the 2018 Garfield Heights Titans are joining us today and I am going to read this before I bring them up.

"The Garfield Heights Titans have been a travel baseball team for seven years now. 90% of our players have been on the team since the beginning and almost every player has played in the former Garfield Heights baseball league. Our players are held to a high standard on and off the field they must do well in school, be amazing and helpful to their families and community. The Titans are more than a group of kids playing baseball they are a family and not just a group of boys either, in 2018 there was a young lady that asked to play with us since there was no fast pitch softball leagues in our area, the boys welcomed her and she became just one of the guys quickly. She held her own when the other teams picked on her and told her to go play softball. The Titans helped Hailey become a top baseball player even if she did girl up the uniform with bows. The Titan coaches, head coach, Darrell Copeland and his assistant head coach Jason Seither worked endlessly with each player to make them better than the year before. They scouted teams during the season so we could do the best defense on the field. Our pitchers and catchers were some of the best in the league. We went 4-4 for the regular season. Mother Nature did not cooperate this summer that meant every team made the play-offs. It was win or be done. The Titans went against the Wickliffe team. This team of young men from Wickliffe was high school varsity team they went undefeated the whole travel season 8-0. They crushed us during the regular season. We never count on the underdog. We won 6-5. The championship game was on July 21, 2018 at Hutchinson field in Bedford. We were paired against Burning River from Twinsburg; they beat us 2 times in the regular season. They came into the park thinking this was going to be easy they had another thing coming. The Titans were ready to have fun and win. Game faces on 7 innings at the most intense baseball ever played. We won 2-1. I also cannot forget to mention the cheer squad Maya Lenart and Ava Guzman baseball.....oh yeah alive and well in Garfield Heights."

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: *This is great. I am really proud. What I would like to do is bring up the Coaches and Managers if I can. Managers, Laurie Nenadovich, Lisa Copeland, Head Coach, Darrell Copeland and Assistant Head Coach, Jason Seither to announce the young people for council and all to see.*

PRESIDENT BURKE: *Please step up as your name is called.*

(Players introduced and applauded)

Devon Cash, Joey Lenart, Zak Esteves, Jack Nikrasch, Aaron Washington, Dylan McCandlish, Ricky McLeod, Eion Honssaker, Aidon Dopson, Evan Robinson, and Hailey Bergholz.

COACH LAURIE NENADOVICH: *I just want to take a minute and say that I could not be more proud of this group of players they give me a run for my money most definitely but when it comes time to play and make the plays on the field and do what they need to do I couldn't ask for a better group after all these years we got it right, got it perfect and this is definitely my dream team right here.*

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: *Thank you guys.*

(Applause)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: *Thank you very much. It really makes me proud because we so often think about some of the bad kids and there's not that many but some of the bad kids what there doing its really great to have some of the achievements and some of these good young men and ladies and I really appreciate it. Congratulations and next year another championship, right?*

Okay I will move on I have a couple of announcements to make. The Third Annual Walk for Recovery is going to be Sunday, September 30, 2018 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center right here at 5407 Turney Road. The Walk for Recovery raises awareness for the perils of addiction and celebrates the process of recovery. The Walk will be from the Civic Center on Turney Road to Garfield Heights Police Station and back to the Civic Center. Feel free to make posters to carry on the walk. A brief program including speakers, refreshments and a balloon release will take place at the Civic Center following the walk. For information, please contact Ruth Pollack at 216-475-1103. Keep going and remember why you started. This is very important and I think its dear to everyone one of us it certainly is to me, we have all had people that we know that are really caught up in this addiction thing. The State of Ohio is in crisis, its an absolute crisis for what's going on and all the Cities are struggling through it including the City of Garfield Heights and it pains me every time one of our ambulances goes out for an overdose and hopefully most are saved but we certainly loose some and if there's anything we can do in the City of Garfield Heights to help with cause we certainly want to do it. I would ask all of council if you can, and everybody watching to join us on Sunday, September 30, 2018 for this Walk for Recovery.

Next, the Harvest Fest 2018 is in autumn. A gathering for family, friends, and a fundraiser to support the Garfield Heights Community Gardens. Activities include hayrides, games and crafts for kids, face painting, pumpkin decorating, food and bake sale, prize raffle, our gift basket raffles. It is right here at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It gets better and better every year more, more people come, and it is really a good time for everybody. The place to bring your kids and your grandkids and anybody else that you can tag along with you. It is a great time and I want to thank everyone involved because they really do some hard work. If you get an opportunity, please join us on October 20th. Lastly I would like to say congratulations up to this point I don't want to be too early but I want to congratulate the Garfield Heights Bulldogs I believe they are now 5-0. They are doing an outstanding job. I cannot believe what a defensive team this is. They are ranked right up there and recently ranked prior to this week #13. They played Padua who is ranked #9. They beat Padua and are moving up the ranks and I wouldn't be surprised through earlier reports that they can be as high as #4 and that is quite an achievement when you think of the Ignatius and the St. Eds that get the top billings all the time so this is a great achievement and I hope we can talk more about them as time goes on so congratulations Bulldogs Football.

Tonight I am going to get into our Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinance No. 75-2018 allows us to purchase two parcels that are along side the Justice Center on Turney Road. Our plan is to redo or move to a new location for our police and court. We were going to be looking into marketing that property. If we take the two houses along side that property it gives us an opportunity to do just that. We have had some people talk to us about that piece of property they would be interested in and it would be a great advantage to the City of Garfield Heights because it is on prime area on Turney Road. Those two pieces of property we are looking to

purchase the tax value on those properties were \$183,000 we plan to purchase for \$140,000 and the majority of that money is going to be paid through the court. That is something that is good for the City.

Ordinance No. 76-2018 is about that Aggressive Solicitation with the panhandlers and Tim Riley is going to get into that on his report.

Ordinance No. 77-2018 allows us to approve the Dispatchers contract and I have to tell you these Dispatchers left and came back. Prior to leaving, they were really a good group to work with as far as negotiating a contract. They really try to help the City in any way they can and they did the same thing now that they came back and our redoing the contract. It was a pleasure working with them as Mr. Riley can attest.

Resolution No. 23-2018 is a Resolution authorizing the necessary tax levies for certification to the County Auditor and Barb Biro can get into that in her report.

Resolution No. 24-2018 requesting an advance in the tax settlement from the County which we accept each year and again Barb Biro, Finance Director can get into more detail on that in her report. And with that Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Before I go any further, I have been asked to turn on the air conditioner up I guess some of the guys are sweating up here. I do not know Mayor, I know we are trying to save some money but. I also wanted to congratulate the Titans but I also let you guys know that I do not expect you to sit here and wait throughout our whole business meeting here if you guys would like to leave you can. Just make sure you are quiet on your way out and congratulations again guys. Okay let us move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim do you have a report this evening.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Actually, I do have a report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Wow. Speechless. Somebody mark this date.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: The first thing I want to talk about and we talked about this in Caucus which is Ordinance No. 76-2018 which is the repealing of the Garfield Solicitation Ordinance and I think Councilman Vaughn you brought up that you would like some of it read just so the people understand why we are doing this and I actually noted that I could take care of this in my report. The bottom line with this Ordinance is that there is a Supreme Court Decision know as Reed v. Gilbert that basically found these Ordinances unconstitutional in several cities including Cleveland and Akron got hit with lawsuits on them and they have all been repealing and this is basically going across the country that cities, municipalities, counties whoever it is that has an Ordinance like this are repealing them because they would be found to be unconstitutional. Please understand that solicitation like this can only take place on public property so people who own stores and shopping malls, things of that nature can still prevent solicitation on their property. But the Supreme Court found it on public property these Ordinances to be unconstitutional so that is why we are repealing it today. I do believe at some point this law will probably evolve a little bit and you might be able to put up some type of Ordinance but as of right now you would not win a lawsuit based on this okay. So I do not know whether council wants to think about this or whether they need to have that read now that I have explained it. I do not Councilman Vaughn that is entirely up to you.

CLMN VAUGHN: I am shocked that you spoke. Ummmmm.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Believe it or not, I am not yet done yet I still have something else.

CLMN VAUGHN: Wow. This scares me.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Haha. This is actually for Noreen Kuban she could not be here tonight. And I think a lot of people have had issues with property tax concerns they have with the City so there's going to be a meeting put on by the NHS of Greater Cleveland which is homeowners. They are going to have a meeting here at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. right here at the Civic Center and if anybody is interested in coming you could register in advance or register that day and you could talk to Stephanie and her number is 216-205-4468. Noreen also wanted me to let you know that she is going to try to schedule more of these before the end of the year. So if anybody has basic property tax concerns they can come to this meeting. And that is my report for tonight. I hope everybody enjoyed it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. Riley. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Riley and his report this evening?

CLMN VAUGHN: I would still like us to read that please.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely. Anybody else have any questions for Mr. Riley? If not we will move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope do you have a report for us this evening.

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I only have one thing. I ask for your support in Ordinance No. 77-2018 regarding the contracts for the Dispatchers.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Strope? If not, we will move on to Police Chief, Chief Robert Byrne do you have a report for us?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do Mr. Chairman. Thank you. First off, I just wanted to advise everyone that the Garfield Heights Police Department is forced into the 21st Century and we have a twitter account now. It's Garfield Heights Police Department, those words are fully spelled out @GarfieldHtsPD. We will not monitor this 24 hours a day so if you have an emergency please do not use twitter to try to get a response from us. The main purpose is doing a major incident, road closure or things like that we can have another avenue of getting the word out to you. Secondly, I wanted to congratulate Lieutenant Mark Kaye. Mark recently graduated from Class 273 of the FBI National Academy. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for US and International Law Enforcement Managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication and forensic science. It serves to improve the administrative of justice and Police Departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards of knowledge and cooperation worldwide. I also wanted to thank his wife Cathy and his two young kids, Lyla and Christian because Mark spent 10 weeks of his summer in Quantico, Virginia. That course is completely paid for by the FBI as well. Last but not least, I would to echo Chief Strope's request that you guys please support Ordinance No. 77-2018 regarding the collective bargaining agreement between the City and our safety dispatchers and with that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Chief Byrne, Are there any questions for Chief Byrne and his report for this evening? If not, we will move to our Recreation Director, Mr. Robert Dobies. Bob do you have a report for this evening?

RECREATION DIRECTOR ROBERT DOBIES: I do Mr. President. Councilmembers good evening. I will try to make this short. We ended t-ball season with our annual pool party Saturday, June 23rd, all teams participated received an award of accomplishments. I would like to thank all the players, parents, coaches, umpires and fans and backers for another exciting successful season. The girls softball season also concluded on July 28th with the all-star games and with our annual girls softball swim on July 29th with awards and family fun swim. Again, we collaborated with Bedford the last 5 years, which allows our programs to benefit by providing additional competition that we alone would not realize. But more importantly growing a program that encompasses the availability to reach these cities children with a commitment to make a great program. Congratulations go out to the players, coaches, parents, boosters, umpires and staff for another successful softball season. To Mr. Erin Fach the new Recreation Director at Bedford and his assistant Mike Callahan they were a pleasure to work with and their staff. We are in the swing of things for fall and winter programming. Our soccer season kicks off today with first games I was there earlier they are playing in the rain. They are tough people those soccer people. If you are interested in basketball Mr. Len Shuba of the league connections again taking registrations until October 10th for the fall league if you are interested you may call him at 216-213-5660 or go to the website at www.leagueconnections.com. There is a direct link on the City website for your convenience. There are also flyers on the table if you are interested. Last year when the season ended for him it was very successful it went from about 35 and by the time mid season came it at 45-50 kids and by end of season some of the older kids like the 8th grade group he could put together an all-star team. He is looking forward to it. He is very intense about this program. He will get the space if more is needed. He works in conjunction with the schools and school district. Our ice rink was set to open September 10th and unfortunately, it was delayed. We do have ice today and we did open on Monday, September 17th. There are a few hurdles to get over but with the help of my staff, we had ice in 5 ½ days instead of the precautionary two weeks, we normally take. I was in contact on a day by day progress of our delay I would just like to say thank to all our patrons and residents for all of you patience and understanding. If you are interested, there are pictures of the removal and installation of the new condenser and chiller units on the Rec website. It was quite an operation to watch. Lastly, we rescheduled our Fabulous Sport of Ice-Skating Event, which was supposed to happen the first week to Sunday, October 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is a try before you buy so to speak come out and meet the coaches, find out about the programming in figure skating and hockey. Please mark your calendars with this. As with figure skating this past April, we celebrated our 50th year with the ice show. The 2018-19 marks the 50th year for municipal hockey within our City. We are one of the original programs and this is a tremendous accomplishment. All information is on the website. And last, I just want to say it is a little bit early but our Halloween skate will be Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will have a DJ, costumes are welcome and treats for all. Both events, Fabulous Sport of Ice and the Halloween Skate children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. Both programs are open to all. All information is on the website as I said. Please check the calendar events and hours of operation or call our office at 216-475-7272 and speak with a PT member. Thank you that concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Bob. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report? We will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb do you have a report this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening we are asking for council support on Resolution Nos. 23 and 24. These are annual Resolutions for the County. First, one is to certify and authorize the tax levies for the real estate property here within the City of Garfield Heights for the year 2019. Also, Resolution No. 24-2018 we are requesting support of this in order to receive our periodic advances in the tax settlements for the year 2019. And with that you have my report Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Biro on her report? If not, we will move on to our City Engineer Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to pass along some good news, the City of Garfield Heights was awarded \$686,000 for a mid west neighborhood phase III project as you know we are finishing up phase 1 on East 102nd Street so that was funding just received and we have two projects going out for bid multiple street phase IV and mid west sewers phase II those will bid October 11th. Project should start this winter and about this time next year will be completed and both of those projects are again fully funded in a similar fashion as the other one I just mentioned. That is my report.

CLMN GLENN: Dave a question about Granger Hill I see on here it is 50% done. What more are they going to do on the southbound side.

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: I did drive down there tonight. It is probably further than 50% along now, it is probably closer to 70%. They still have some work to do on the Southside. We are flattening out the bottom part behind the curb so that we can have a sidewalk there in the future because we do have a lot of people that do walk up and down the hill but there will also be some fencing and some other concrete barriers that will eventually go in on both sides of the road in place where they need to be but those will probably happen later this fall or next spring depending on schedule.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you Dave always a good response from you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Dave I have a question that project is that part of the Multi Street that you have mentioned.

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: The one that was just funded?

PRESIDENT BURKE: The one that Mr. Glenn asked about.

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: No that is the Granger Road hill so that is a separate project funded by ODOT.

PRESIDENT BURKE: It was not in his report Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Okay, I take it all back.

PRESIDENT BURKE: No, you don't have to take it back. Okay we will move on to our Building Director, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report for us?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No, I do not have a report. Thank you.
PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes the reports of the Mayor and Directors. Let us move on to the communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? Is there are none then we will move on to the Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 75-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE TWO PARCELS OF LAND, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 545-22-086 AND 545-22-087.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa,

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa,

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa,

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa

Dudley: Before I vote I do realize that we need that piece of property but I am still concerned about the price that is being paid for one of the homes on that property and I know the county has assessed a certain tax level when they figure a value of a property but we know it is a lot of questionable taxes on appraised values of some properties in Cuyahoga County this year and with that I will vote present.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 75-2018 passes with 6 Yes votes and 1 Present vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 509.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS RELATIVE TO AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

Vaughn: Before I vote I do not like the idea that we are being forced to do this, I am hoping in the near future we will be able to come back with some type of legislation with some type of restriction with that I have to vote yes.

AYES: Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke,

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 76-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. (SAFETY DISPATCHERS)

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster,

Dudley: before I vote, I just want to say I am happy to have the dispatchers back in Garfield Heights and not have to share them with the surrounding suburbs and with that, I vote yes.

Burke: before I vote, I would like to echo Mr. Dudley's comments and say that I am glad to have them back as well and I vote yes.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke,

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 77-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS OF RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT BURKE:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 23-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE IN TAX SETTLEMENT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT BURKE:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes), Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes)

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 24-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions. We will move on to Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I ask if there is anybody here that would like to speak tonight I will need to know who you spoke to in the City before you can come up to the podium. Is there anybody here that would like to address council this evening? Yes ma'am do you know who you spoke with? If you could please state your name and your address for the record please?

DONNA BELL: Good evening, I am Donna Bell and my address is 13513 Cranwood Park Boulevard, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. I am here again, I was here earlier in the spring before the summer break about the mounds on Broadway, Orchard and Osborn that are I guess are recycled waste and on my ride here I took another look and there still there and I wanted to get clarification on what exactly needed to be done to get that resolved and I know there were several departments involved and the Mayor addressed it very eloquently the last time I spoke and I just wanted to reiterate that the mounds are still there so do I need to do something else in order to get that rectified and I don't know if that is building or law or who I need to go to again.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman if I may. Donna I am actually glad you asked the question because I probably should have reported this earlier. We have actually had several meetings on site with the EPA and the Health Department, our Fire Department has been there and there has been a list of restrictions and things that have to be followed through by both areas, the one not only on Osborn but the one below the bridge also they were at both sites there are probably I am going to say 6 to 8 different things that have to be done. Some have to be done by the City, some have to be done by the proprietors of both places but the EPA and the Health Department is definitely on top of it and there has to be changes made or they will be cited and have to pay a lot of money but unfortunately it doesn't work fast it works slow. We actually have to do legislation about height and different things that we are working on to make sure it is done right so nobody can come back at us. I would say we probably had four different meetings I think one of them Mr. Dudley was at if I am not mistaken so yes, we are looking into it and I wish it could have been handled sooner but unfortunately, when you are dealing with all these different corporations or entities it takes awhile. We hear you believe me loud and clear and we feel the same way you do.

DONNA BELL: All right. Thank you very much.

CLMN DUDLEY: I just want to mention one thing when the Mayor mentioned height I did have something that I was working on for the height restriction and I believe I have mentioned that but I spent a little time in the hospital and I wasn't able to complete it and submit it to my colleagues but the reason why I won't speak on it public because I wanted to get a chance and opportunity to review it before I said anything about it so I will get it to you all and to the Mayor by weeks end this week and to the law department.

DONNA BELL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Ms. Bell. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak this evening? If not, we will move on Miscellaneous Business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will start off tonight with Clmn Nenadovich since you had the invocation and pledge of allegiance and also because we want to save the best for last.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you very much. First of all I would like to congratulate the Bulldogs on their 5-0 record. It is a long time coming but I am glad we can claim something proud and also the Titans I got an interest in that team but they did good all the way from when they started playing. That group has been together for a long time and I had a phone call last Friday from a lady in Mr. Glenn's ward. She did not leave her name she just said her name was Jeanette she was an unlisted call and she told me how I mention the veterans a lot and I have not been doing it lately. She said there is a man who is celebrating his 100th Birthday and he was a fighter pilot in WWII and his name is Asa Newman and the other man's name was Ray Richardson and I went to the party, talked to them, they had some good stories to tell. They picked on me as saiter and I picked on them as a flying ace but these are the survivors of the Tuskegee Airman. What stories they got. They just spun the yarn but I would just like to say I salute both those gentlemen they did a good job and I thank them for their service on behalf of the City. They live in Solon and Aurora but they still fought for our country and I thank them for it and with that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything for us this evening?

CLMN GLENN: Nothing. Thank you.

CLMN SUSTER: No, I do not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I too would also like to congratulate the Garfield Bulldogs football team I think it is incredible what they have accomplished so far and I am excited about the rest of the season. Also, I would like to say congratulations to the Titans I know a few of those young individuals I coached them when I was in fall ball and they are a great group of kids and I wish them the best and that is all I have. Mr. Vaughn do you have anything you would like to share?

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you Mr. Chairman. On Thursday, the 27th at 7:00 p.m. the Ward 7 Block Watch will take place at the pavilion at St. Monica's, Stephanie Howse our State Representative will be our speaker. Today in Ward 7, notices were sent out concerning the garbage cans. I received a few phones I think some people were concerned that they were being put on notice, everybody will be receiving one, please read these, please go over them. It is something that we have to do to help clean up the City. We take care of the small things the larger things will all fall into place. Please bring in your garbage cans it is as simple as that. It is very easy, bring in your garbage cans and at the same time please pick up the trash and litter and around your yard. If we all do this, it will help out greatly. I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Kaye on his completion of his FBI program those are all good things those guys come back here with a lot of knowledge and it only helps out our neighborhood. I too would like to thank and congratulate the Garfield Bulldogs. Anybody that beats Padua in my book is okay. So yes congratulations to the Garfield Bulldogs I wish them a lot of success and also to the Garfield Heights Titans. Boysqjob well done. That is all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley do you have anything?

CLMN DUDLEY: You know I do. Thank you Mr. Chairman. First off, I would like to congratulate the Bulldogs you know and the Titans I mean it is good to see young people together and have something to keep them busy and have a little dedication to some type of sport so we are definitely proud of them in the City. I got the message late for Mr. Asa Newman and for his 100th Birthday and being part of Tuskegee Airman and I would like to congratulate him most of all because he was one and there's only two of them left right?

CLMN NENADOVICH: There were only two of them left in the Ohio area.

CLMN DUDLEY: Two left in the Ohio area. I wish I would have gotten that message sooner but I got it last minute. Happy belated Birthday to him and I wish him the best. Also, I would like to congratulate LT on his graduation from the FBI program so that is a great to have. And I just wanted to mention something to you. We still talk about drugs in the community and stuff and I would say sometimes we got programs out there but they do not have enough programs. Some people do not realize when you have individuals who become or get what I would call an addiction the disease of drugs it does not all just affects them. You got a lot of people that live in Garfield we got a lot of individuals taking care of siblings whether or not you know it and I got quite a few of them in Ward 1 and these are some people who are 25 years old raising 2 or 3 additional kids because they have a family member where the children were removed from the homes rightfully so to put them in a safer environment. But the saddest part I feel bad for some of these families because what they are compensated through the county to take care of the additional family member really puts an extreme burden on them. I wish they would do a little more to help these families out because I have several families. When they told me what they receive for raising like 2 and 3 siblings it's not enough to even probably feed them on a weekly basis and I think more can be done and I ask that we keep these families in prayers because I tell you it's tough you know and in one way or another a lot of us have been touched even me personally in having to deal with a family member who was addicted to drugs in one way or another you know. The best thing we can do is keep them in prayer but at the same time I would like to see the County and this is I speaking. I am not speaking for my colleagues or anybody else but I think they can do a little more than what they are doing right now. Help support some of these families who are put in that situation to care for siblings because what they give a stranger to support a child versus what they give a sibling is almost less than 50% than what they receive and that is not fair. I believe that families should stay together but when you put them in a situation where they got to go to work and they got to try to figure out school activities to provide for kids and they work hours don't permit them to get off early and someone got tough times in job situations and been written up and this is true and I know it's just not in Ward 1 and it's in other Wards when you talk to some of the people and this is just me speaking I would like to see them get more and I am going to mention that because I want to see more to help these families because some of them getting into some tough financial situations and it's getting hard for them to feed them. Some of them I did refer them to the food bank and other places as well. Just keep them in your prayers because I believe families should stay together and that is all I have Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley: Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything for us this evening?

CLMN LAMALFA: Yes. I would like to make a motion that we adjourn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Councilman LaMalfa to adjourn. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Jennifer Sopkovich, Acting
Clerk of Council